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February 27, 2003

Mr. F. Andrew Piszkin
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Base Realignment and Closure
Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro
7040 Trabuco Road
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RE: Draft Base Realignment and Closure Business Plan, Former Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, dated January, 2003

Dear Mr. Piszkin:

EPA has reviewed the draft Business Plan referenced above. In general, we find that it accurately summarizes the status of environmental activities at the base. We have the following comments:

General Comment:

Please compare the ECP area types shown in Table 2 with those listed in Appendix B of the recently submitted EBS to make sure both tables reflect the same information.

Specific Comments:

1. Pg. 3, second paragraph: Please provide definition for CRP.
2. Pg 12-13, Environmental Program Highlights for 2002: Please add release of Proposed Plan for Site 16 as well as the date of the public meeting for the Proposed Plan.
3. Pg. 13, Planned Goals for Year 2003: Please add Remedial Design activities for Sites 18 and 24.
4. Table 5: Under IRP Site 18, please delete PP and ROD because those activities were completed in 2002.

Please call me at (415) 972-3012 if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nicole Moutoux".

Nicole Moutoux
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